



The
City of
Pittsfield
MASSACHUSETTS

Mayor James M. Ruberto

July 22, 2009

Mr. Ian A. Bowles
Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Bowles,

The City of Pittsfield whole heartedly supports the Commonwealth's interest to develop wind resources on state owned land. I believe the Pittsfield State Forest can serve as an excellent test site for wind development in Western Massachusetts. Not only does Pittsfield have an ideal location for the placement of wind turbines, but with the William Stanley Business Park this project would provide an exciting incentive for companies to locate to prime development land with rail and road access.

The proposed Wind Siting Reform Act will surely help bring Massachusetts closer to the 15% renewable energy source requirement that needs to be met by 2020. With that being said, I feel that it is very important that we engage in a substantive dialogue, specifically in the establishment of a separate municipal siting board for wind development and establishing clear siting standards. We believe existing City boards are quite capable of conducting the appropriate local permitting. As one of the first communities to embrace 43D Permit Streamlining, we are confident that the necessary boards can and will coordinate permitting and regulatory approvals appropriately and will make timely decisions on any wind development proposed within the community.

I hope that moving forward the host communities will be able to benefit from the resulting green energy resource, including the opportunity to be a party to the Power Purchase Agreement and direct the revenues and/or green energy credits to offset the high electricity costs in the Berkshires.

Thank you for your time and willingness to listen to our perspectives. We look forward to additional opportunities to work as a partner with the Commonwealth on the development of renewable energy resources in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James M. Ruberto".
James M. Ruberto